

Young Adult Room Policy

The Shrewsbury Public Library is committed to providing an inviting and safe space for teenage patrons to engage in individual and group activities, as well as find materials for their recreational and educational pursuits. The social nature and unique characteristics of this age group require a separate space designed for their needs.

Guidelines

The Young Adult Room at the Shrewsbury Public Library is exclusively for middle and high school students from 2:30PM until closing each weekday, and all day on weekends. The materials in the room are primarily geared for youth in grades 7-12.

- “Middle Ground” students in grades 5-6 are also welcome to use the space, gaming center, and computers but the content of the items in the room is primarily geared towards upper middle and high school interest levels. Parents and guardians, especially of these middle ground students, are encouraged to be invested in the selections of items from this room.

While patrons of all ages are welcome to browse and check out materials from this Young Adult Collection, the use of computers, the television, and other electronic equipment within this room is exclusively for the use of middle and high school students in 5th-12th grades.

- Parents, guardians, caregivers, or mentors may be in the Teen Room with a young adult if the young adult is between 5th-12th grade.

Tutoring is not allowed in the young adult room, even if the tutor is a teenager.

The Library reserves the right to utilize any and all portions of the Teen Room for scheduled teen programs, events, and other activities as seen fit by library staff.

Covered beverages are welcome in most areas of the young adult room, but are restricted at the public computers stations.

Teens are expected to respect the overall Library environment, and may not engage in activities or communications that disrupt other Library users or staff. All other Library policies apply to the Teen Room. The library reserves the right to limit the use of the library by teens who, in the judgment of the library staff, are infringing upon the rights of other library users by inappropriate behavior.

Young Adult Events Policy

Guidelines

The Young Adult department at the Shrewsbury Public Library is committed to providing diverse programming, primarily for those in grades 7-12.

- “Middle Ground” students in grades 5-6 will be allowed to register for all programs unless otherwise noted, with the specific exception being that the programs offered will be primarily those which are intended to appeal to and older middle and high school demographic.